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House of Commons
Westminster
London
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December 1992

Name:
Address:

Dear.....

re:Asylum & Immigration Appeal Bill

I write to urge you in the strongest terms to vote against the Asylum and Immigration Bill, which I believe to be extremely unfair and unjust to asylum seekers, visitors to the UK, overseas students and Black British citizens.

I am particularly concerned about clauses 9 and 10 of the Bill which aims to take away appeal rights from those intending to visit the UK and overseas students intending to undertake short courses, and overseas students come to the UK to seek a suitable course.

I object to clauses 9 and 10 because they are:

Divided families - British citizens and other people settled in the UK will be find that their friends and relatives abroad will be at greater risk of being refused entry clearance or leave to enter the UK they come to visit them.

Racist - These clauses discriminate against Black British citizens. It is their/our relatives and friends abroad who already face high rates of refusal. Taking away appeal rights will worsen this situation and send a clear message to the world that Britain is prepared to discriminate against its own Black citizens. This will clearly worsen race relations.

Unjust - Without a right of appeal there will be no scrutiny of bad decision making by Immigration Officers and Entry Clearance Officers. Its importance is illustrated by the fact that many people win their appeals at present. Justice must not be sacrificed for administrative convenience.

I am directly affected by this Bill and would urge you most strongly to vote against it and in particular vote against clauses 9 and 10.

Could you please convey my feelings on this matter to the Home Secretary, Mr Kenneth Clarke, and urge that he withdraws this dangerous and divisive Bill.

I will look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Home Office Immigration and Nationality Department
IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 - NOTICE OF APPEAL TO AN ADJUDICATOR

* Please delete word which is inappropriate

I/We* give notice of appeal to an Adjudicator.

DETAILS OF THE APPELLANT(S) Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS.

FAMILY NAME: OTHER NAMES:

DATE OF BIRTH:

NATIONALITY/CITIZENSHIP:

PRESENT ADDRESS:

DETAILS OF THE DECISION OR ACTION APPEALED AGAINST:

DETAILS OF THE GROUNDS OF APPEAL (Say why you do not agree with the decision or action. If necessary continue on a separate sheet of paper):

CANCELLLED

SCOTTISH ACTION AGAINST RACISM & FASCISM IN EUROPE

SAARFE INVITE YOU TO TWO PUBLIC FORUMS

IMMIGRATION CONTROLS 1905 - 1992

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 1992 7pm

Speakers: IAN MACDONALD QC

Joint author of "Macdonald's Immigration Law & Practice". Chair of the Macdonald Inquiry into the murder of a Bangladeshi school student in Burnage High School, Manchester.

NIRMALA RAJASINGAM

Refugee Ad Hoc Committee for Asylum Rights and Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants

PLUS OTHER CONTRIBUTORS

**VENUE: OLD COLLEGE, LECTURE ROOM 175,
SOUTH BRIDGE, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH**

RACISM FASCISM & XENOPHOBIA IN EUROPE - THE FIGHT BACK

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER 1992 7pm

Speakers:

OBI ADDY Black political activist from Berlin, Germany
GUS JOHN European Action for Racial Equality & Social Justice
BALI GILL Southall Monitoring Group
LIZ FEKETE Campaign Against Racism & Fascism
ASAD REHMAN Newham Monitoring Project
SATWAT REHMAN Scottish Action Against Racism & Fascism in Europe

PLUS OTHER CONTRIBUTORS

VENUE: THE PLEASANCE THEATRE, The Pleasance, Edinburgh.

For more information write to SAARFE, 11 Forth Street, Edinburgh.

These two forums, organised by Scottish Action Against Racism & Fascism in Europe are in memory of Ahmed Sheikh, a Somalian refugee, murdered by ten racist thugs on 16th January, 1989, in the Cowgate, Edinburgh. Four years on, none of the attackers have been brought to justice for this act of barbarism.
We remember all those murdered by racists and fascists.

"OFFICIAL FOREIGN POLICY = INHUMAN BRUTALITY"

Perhaps the most dangerous tendency in Europe is the rise of racism and racist violation which is always, and always has been, directed against black people by white people. There are attested, almost daily reports of savage crimes; actual murder is commonplace. The information is suppressed or distorted by the authorities and the mainstream media play their usual supportive role, churning out the propaganda. At the same time state forces of law and order show themselves incapable or unwilling to defend the victims. In one black community within Glasgow at least 80% of the victims don't even bother reporting the crimes.

Where violence occurs the other way round it takes the form of self-defence (often in response to police or state assault). Unprovoked brutality from black to white is so exceptional that it is difficult to give even one example. What we do know is that if such violence does occur the news will be broadcast from Land's End to John O' Groats.

The reality of what it is to be a black person in Britain is not something the authorities wish to see broadcast. If this did happen black people would be witnessed as victims and that doesn't square with the doctrine of the policy-makers. The British State has attacked the black communities directly through its institutional authority in a systematic way over a long period of years. Its propaganda network, of which the mainstream media are integral, has sought to stigmatise and victimise, and ultimately establish that even when black people are murdered by white racists they are somehow responsible for "bringing it on themselves".

And there is no right to self-defence. On the home front black people who fight back are misrepresented, they become transformed into the aggressors (as in a Glasgow school recently). This is consistent with what happens elsewhere in the world. The fact that a mercenary army enters your country, executes the government, and starts killing everyone in sight is insufficient grounds for retaliation. Not content with this the European powers have fallen into line with murderous regimes everywhere; they are withdrawing the last route to survival, the search for asylum; the "right" to grab your children and flee. People who manage to escape certain death are now branded "criminals" if unlucky enough to land in Britain. Nowadays you must ask the murderers for permission to get out the road of the bullet they've fired; officially it's described as "obtaining a visa".

Obviously the USA and its client states (eg. Israel, South Africa, Britain, Turkey etc.) prefer that the people on the receiving end of official foreign policy are not seen as the victims of inhuman brutality, otherwise the truth may out, that "official foreign policy" is synonymous with "inhuman brutality". The mercenary army gets transformed into a local liberation front while the people fighting for liberation become "terrorists".

It is an education in itself to take a brief look at the recent semantic history of concepts like "torture", "human rights", "freedom", "immigration", "Asylum-seeker" etc. Nowadays anyone is a "terrorist" who seeks to overthrow state authority, no matter how illegitimate, barbarous or murderous it might be. There are no grounds for self-defence. "Terrorists" engage in "terrorism" for its own sake; the only purpose of "terrorism" is the creation of "terrorism".

If we want to get beyond official state doctrine we must also take into account the machinations within the power bases of the right, especially during the past 25 or so years. A fair amount of good research has been done on the British and international right wing network. It is not readily available; seldom reviewed or given prominence. These writers and academics very rarely appear on discussion programmes; their analyses are marginalised or distorted. Meanwhile apologists and theorists of the far right are funded and empowered by the state. Their writings are reviewed and given prominence, turned into seminal manuals for the use of the police, the

military and other state agencies. Their blatantly biased comment and opinion are accorded total credibility; they are invited to speak at state functions and featured constantly by the mainstream media. None of this is surprising since the view of the world held by the far right is precisely that of the elite who rule Britain.

In regard to the Maastricht Treaty it is entirely consistent that the expressed concerns of European state authority are immigration, terrorism and drugs. Those have been the central focus of right wing apologists and theorists for the past couple or more decades. And the grounds are already established to transform each and every black person into a "potential terrorist".

The systematic imposition of even greater domestic controls will follow. Then a further tightening of the net. The first thing white people must do is acknowledge reality and align themselves with black people, they must support and assist in the struggle.

This suppression of black people will extend to other groups and communities; white activists and trades unionists, "known dissidents" - in fact anybody at all who tries to fight back, or is thought to represent a danger to "domestic security". For a current example of this we need only look at the unreported but massive and blatant assault on ordinary civil rights that "our" forces of law and order have directed against the people of Edinburgh in the run-up to the Maastricht conference.

Jim Kelman is a writer and supporter of SAARFE.

THE RIGHTS THAT MOST EUROPEANS TAKE FOR GRANTED

Newham Monitoring Project would like to extend its warmest greetings and wholehearted support to Scottish Action Against Racism and Fascism in Europe (SAARFE) for organising a series of alternative events on Euro-racism to coincide with the forthcoming EC Summit in Edinburgh.

Across Europe, black people and refugees are being subjected to unprecedented levels of racist violence. In response, European governments and most of the media are stereotyping and scapegoating black people and refugees as the 'enemy within', giving respectability to popular racist ideas and actions, and whipping up racist hysteria with unsubstantiated claims that Europe is being flooded by bogus 'asylum-seekers'. Draconian immigration controls are being imposed and the already-limited rights of black people and refugees are being further eroded. In short, the political agenda of the European establishment is clear: to close Europe to migrants and asylum-seekers by harmonising immigration policies and ever-increasing internal controls and restrictions on the right of entry, in order to create a 'Fortress of Europe'.

In Britain, we are faced with the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Bill - one of the most vicious and racist pieces of legislation that any British government has ever tried to introduce. If passed, an estimated 90% of those currently granted asylum in Britain could be excluded. Needless to say, we must do everything in our power to stop this Bill - which is currently being rushed through Parliament - from becoming law.

Newham Monitoring Project stands with Scottish Action Against Racism and Fascism in Europe in condemning those ad-hoc groups of ministers, senior police officers, civil servants and security service

personnel which are totally unaccountable to any democratic process yet make decisions which destroy the lives and future of thousands of black people and refugees. We demand simple, ordinary rights for black people and refugees, rights that most Europeans take for granted, such as the right to stay; the right to family reunion; free movement in the EC; full social and political rights; full legal rights; the right to live free from racist and fascist violence and police criminalisation, and the right to live free from repatriation and deportation. We demand justice!

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SECRET DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR EDINBURGH SUMMIT

The Campaign Against Racism & Fascism warns that the next two months are vital for the anti-racist movement. For unless we fight the new Asylum Bill and a secret resolution on refugees, due to be signed at the Edinburgh Summit in December, they will destroy the already-eroded rights of refugees.

In the early 1970s, western Europe shut its doors to the immigrant labour it had used to rebuild its economies after the war. Now, 20 years later, it is shutting its doors again, this time on the refugees thrown up in Africa and Asia by the economic devastation caused by multi-national corporations and International Monetary Fundamentalism.

In Germany, while Rostock burns, politicians unite to dismantle the constitutional right to asylum. In Britain, the new Asylum Bill seeks to complete the sealing of the doors begun 5 years ago when visa controls and fines on airlines blocked the flight of refugees. Now, apart from more 'deterrents' to asylum-seekers - fingerprinting, detention, removal of housing rights - the Bill proposes to deny protection altogether to those currently being allowed into Britain under 'exceptional leave'. They account for 57% of all asylum seekers to Britain, and over 90% of those allowed to stay.

Worse is to come. At the Edinburgh Summit, ministers will vote on a secret draft resolution , put forward by the 'Ad Hoc Group on Immigration' of European immigration ministers and civil servants under British presidency. The new resolution proposes to create a racial hierarchy among refugees, disqualifying from refugee status all those coming from outside Europe. Its instructions to those facing persecution are: stay at home and sue your government for human rights violations (imagine the Jews suing Hitler!); hide somewhere in your own country; or find some other country to go to in your own continent. Just don't come to Europe.

For 5 years the Campaign against Racism & Fascism has been at the forefront of the struggle against fortress Europe. But now we must take the fight forward to create an alternative agenda and a new vision for Europe. Instead of fighting a rearguard battle to stop the worst of European practice influencing all practices, we must demand that the 'highest common factor' of Europe's best practice be applied.

Campaign Against Racism & Fascism is a bi-monthly magazine. Copies from BM Box 8784, London WC1n 3XX. Tel: 071 837 1450

"OUR PASSPORTS ON OUR FACES"

This country has never faced up to its racism, never learnt its lessons. Once again, we are back to the same things - government humbug and hypocrisy, scare stories by the gutter press, phony rationalisations by the intellectual Right - that we went through in '62 and '64, '65 and '68, and '71 with the Commonwealth Immigration Acts. Then too, the government pretended that it was talking about Commonwealth immigrants per se, when it meant immigrants from the black Commonwealth. This is not a harmless euphemism, but contrived double-speak which allows you to keep your virtue even as you conceal your vice. So, Mr Baker can declare 'I am not a racist. I don't want Poles any more than I want Zaireans.' But, it is the Zaireans who are fleeing a totalitarian regime and the West that has kept Mobutu in power for the last 26 years.

As in the 1960s we are back to the numbers game. Then, the argument was that fewer numbers (of blacks) made for better race relations. Today, that fewer refugees means less fascism. 'If we fail in our control efforts,' said Mr Major at the Luxembourg Summit, 'we risk fuelling the far Right.' The fewer the refugees, the fewer the people for fascists to attack - which leads to the inexorable conclusion: no refugees, no fascists - which is stupid.

It is the sort of argument that gives respectability to racism, puts the burden of racism on the refugees and gives credibility to fascism. It allows one to overlook the wholly irresponsible, totally racist action of the German government when, instead of protecting the refugee hostels in Hoyerswerda against fascist attack and arresting the attackers, it removed the attacked to refugee camps.

This new, common, market racism, new pan-European racism, has given rise to a whole new set of myths and stereotypes, its own brand of institutionalised racism and the outbreak of a new pan-European fascism. The myth has been created, for instance, that the vast majority of refugees who come to Europe are bogus, that they are economic refugees and not political refugees. But such a distinction, particularly when applied to the Third World, is totally fallacious because it deliberately overlooks the monolithic nature of the political world we are moving into, the so-called New World Order.

Free market economics have spelt the death of our countries. They create ecological devastation, population displacement and poverty for the many, riches for the few. Poverty creates political strife and political repression - and political repression creates political refugees. The intake of refugees must be based on need, not numbers - on how desperate their need for refuge is, not on how many should be allowed to be desperate.

Institutionalised racism is being fomented by the Trevi Group of ministers and police chiefs, and the inter-state treaty-makers of Schengen. For, although Trevi is meant to be addressing the problem of terrorists and drug-runners, and Schengen the problem of illegal immigrants and refugees, a common culture of Euro-racism - which defines all Third World peoples as immigrants, and all immigrants and refugees as terrorists and drug-runners - cannot tell a citizen from an immigrant or an immigrant from a refugee, let alone one black from another.
We all carry our passports on our faces.

Excerpts from a speech given by A. Sivanandan, Director of the Institute of Race Relations, to the Refugee Council's Annual Conference, 1991.

POVERTY PAY AND THE ABOLITION OF WAGES COUNCILS

The leaders of the European Community meet for their six monthly summit, in Edinburgh, this month. Despite the differences and difficulties they face they are well on their way to the establishment of a unified trading zone which is the Single European Market. But for black workers the European picture is bleak.

The disturbing rise in racism and fascism in Europe means that the promise of equal treatment is likely to be an empty one. The much-vaunted Social Charter for example fails to mention racism, except for diluted reference secured by the TUC. After 1992 there will be more restrictive controls on the EC's external frontiers. People working in the EC but coming from outside its borders will continue to have minimal rights. Refugees and asylum seekers wishing to come to Europe will also face increasing problems.

As economic needs change and the demand for cheap flexible labour increases, there is growing use of disenfranchised and vulnerable groups to do the worst jobs. Government strategies in Britain, aimed at creating a leaner fitter economy, cut down wage protection and employment rights. The deregulation of employment means that employers increasingly recruit among sections of the community who are most open to exploitation.

The Government now intends to get rid of the only legally enforceable minimum pay protection in Britain. It has introduced legislation to abolish the Wages Councils. There are 26 Wages Councils covering around 2.5 million workers (220,000 in Scotland). If they are abolished, Black workers would be disproportionately affected. Around a quarter of all Black workers will be affected. Without Wages Councils many employers would push down wages, creating an even bigger problem of poverty pay.

It is vitally important that individuals and groups protest strongly at the Government proposals to abolish Wages Councils. This is the only way the Government can be made to change its mind. You can help by writing and persuading other people and groups to protest as well. If you would like background information, leaflets, posters, speakers or ideas, contact:
Scottish Low Pay Unit, 24 Sandyford Place, Glasgow G3 7NG.

EUROPEAN ACTION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

The massive economic and social restructuring, which has taken place in the last two decades, has caused great political and social upheavals and uncertainty both in Europe and globally, leading to mass unemployment and despair.

These conditions are fuelling a wave of nationalism, racism, racial murders and neo-nazi violence sweeping across Europe. The attacks on hostels of asylum-seekers in Germany and the horror of ethnic cleansing in Bosnia show the depths that barbarism can reach. Instead of confronting this bigotry, governments continue to fuel the racism by raising the spectre of thousands of 'bogus asylum-seekers and economic refugees' swamping Europe; they often use the perilous conditions that have arisen in many countries of the world, forcing people out of their homes, as a smokescreen for the coded language of racism.

The clamour for Fortress Europe is led by Britain, which has one of the lowest intakes of refugees. Britain's proposed Asylum Bill introduces harsh new measures against refugees and threatens to erode the 'right of appeal' visitors and students have had since the 1971 Immigration Act.

Germany has already commenced the mass deportation of thousands of Romanian gypsies. The policies of the G7 countries implemented by the IMF and the World Bank have undermined economies and societies world wide. It is these policies which are at the root of the problems we are experiencing and need to be addressed and resolved in the interest of the people.

There is a growing opposition to this rise of racism and fascism. There have been mass demonstrations all over Europe. In Britain there have been marches, meetings and demonstrations against racial murders and attacks, against the British National Party and the proposed Asylum Bill.

European Action and Alliance Building

The anti-racist struggle in Britain must take a Europe wide view - we must join forces with activists in Europe to campaign against racism. But we must also fight for social justice with the millions of unemployed, part-time workers, the homeless, the disenchanted youth and refugees throughout Europe. It is their humiliation, their hardship, oppression and uncertainty that the fascists are manipulating in order to achieve their racist objectives. The massive upsurge of support in Britain for the miners and against government policies indicate the potential for making alliances across a broad spectrum.

European Action for Racial Equality & Social Justice is an alliance of individuals who have led many local and national British campaigns such as those around Anwar Ditta, Newton Rose, the New Cross Massacre, the Bradford 12, the Macdonald Inquiry, Ahmed Sheikh, Blair Peach and the Sekhon Family. It also includes individuals active in the trade unions and in independent associations such as Black Workers Groups. It was formed after a forum on "Racism, Nazism, Fascism and Racial Attacks: The European Response" held at the 9th International Book Fair of Radical Black and Third World Books on March 23 1990.

The organisation was set up to examine and provide information on and to oppose the rising tide of racism, nazism, fascism and xenophobia in Europe and to work towards the elimination of racial and national inequality and social injustice in all its forms. It seeks to create a European perspective towards the above objective and will seek to promote the interchange of ideas and experiences and to coordinate and initiate campaigning activities to that end in all the different countries of Europe.

We will liaise with, form alliances with and support the work of those who are engaged in campaigning action aimed at the elimination of racial and national inequality and social injustice in all its forms. We are committed to working in an independent, democratic, radical and non-sectarian way. We think it is particularly important to build alliances and coalitions among organisations and individuals and to avoid a repetition of the bitter sectarian battles of the 1930s which contributed to the victory of Hitler and the Nazis in 1933. European Action's position is that all organisations and individuals joining alliances must be allowed to retain their autonomy.

We welcome the initiative taken by the Scottish Action Against Racism and Fascism in Europe in organising these events to coincide with the Edinburgh Conference of the European Heads of State. It is a year since European Action for Racial Equality and Social Justice was involved with a number of other organisations in sending a successful combined delegation from England and Scotland - the mission to Maastricht - to the Inter Governmental Conference of Heads of States to draw attention to the rising tide of racism, nazism, fascism, racial attacks and murders across Europe. The forums organised by SAARFE represent an important step forward in our fight for racial equality and social justice.

SPECIAL BULLETIN FOR THE EDINBURGH SUMMIT

ALARM! ALARM! ACT NOW!

Solidarity message to Scottish anti-racists and anti-fascists - and supporters of the Scottish Action Against Racism & Fascism in Europe (**SCARFE**) - from Southall Monitoring Group (**SMG**) and the Campaign Against Fascism in Europe (**CAFE**).

An effective mass movement must be based on local branches that can assist organised self-defence against racist attacks and murders; force back the tide of racist legislation from every European government; physically stop fascists from marching and having meetings; organise material support for refugees and asylum seekers. Such a movement does not exist in Scotland, England or anywhere in Europe.

The continuing economic depression, compounded by global restructuring is set to get much worse. Governments pandering to racists and the lack of a powerful workers opposition can only mean the continuing rise in racist murders and of fascist parties and the great danger of them coming to power. We have sounded the alarm bells in the European official workers movement - but it remains largely passive and demoralised. History shows that the end logic of fascism is not only war but the destruction of all workers organisations and genocide for Blacks, Jews and other oppressed groups.

Edinburgh provides us with the opportunity to discuss and organise an alternative to the Europe of Maastricht, which profits

only the rich and the powerful. The ground beneath us is shifting rapidly and nothing would be more fatal than to merely rely on our old political and combative reflexes. Starting from the immediate necessities, whether economic, political or social it has become imperative to build a new coherence which combines, for instance, the right of black communities to defend themselves with an audacious anti-capitalist anti-imperialist project without frontiers.

Now more than ever we need a united, democratic and non-sectarian alliance against racism and fascism. A fighting body that will * support and organise self-defence against racist attacks, * support the policy of no-platform for fascists by physically stopping their marches and meetings, * will not rely on the state, * build a genuine alliance of working people and their organisations with Black communities and other oppressed groups and * build for European and International co-operation.

Our opposition at Edinburgh needs to be a starting point. Let's turn the tide!

Please contact SMG or CAFE.

ONLY MASS ACTION CAN STOP ASYLUM BILL

The introduction of the new Asylum and Immigration Appeals Bill represents the most thorough and wholesale assault by the British Government on the rights of Refugees and Black people. It is part and parcel of the whole shift to the right in Europe. In addition to the proposed new bill, the Edinburgh summit of European Heads of State will witness the signing of a secret resolution on refugees prepared by the 'Ad-Hoc Group on Immigration'. These two pieces of legislation taken together will lay the foundation of a new wall around Europe, creating a Fortress Europe, aimed at preventing Black people from the third world entering the first.

* The Bill introduces new procedures for dealing with asylum seekers that enable the Home Office to deal with their applications more quickly and rigidly. It provides impossible and unrealistic time limits, in many cases only 48 hours, to lodge an appeal with the court where an asylum seeker has been refused refugee status.

The Bill proposes that all asylum seekers, their spouses and children should be finger-printed, and if they refuse there is a power of arrest without a warrant. The provisions for finger-printing refugee children are horrifying and contravene the United Nations convention on the rights of the child. The Bill also restricts asylum seekers' existing rights to be housed by the homeless legislation. These provisions will lead to refugees living in sheds, church halls and on the streets.

* The Bill proposes to take away the right of appeal a visitor has against being refused entry into the UK, a right that has existed since the 1971 Immigration Act and is an essential safeguard against racist and unfair decision-making by immigration officers. The Bill proposes to take away the right of appeal for students on courses of six months or less.

The Bill attacks the rights of black people abroad and in this country to be joined by relatives and friends on a visit. The Government says the UK is being swamped by black people and that many refugees are simply economic refugees. The real truth is that Europe takes in only 5% of the world's refugees, and that Britain has one of the

lowest intakes of refugees in the world, that this year's figure for asylum seekers is almost half that of last year's.

Other figures that need to be acknowledged are: more people leave the UK every year than arrive; white people make up the majority of visitors whereas black people make up the majority of refusals; 1 in 2,400 American visitors are refused but 1 in 5 Ghanians or Bangladeshis are refused.

The Bill is even more frightening in light of the recent rapid rise of racism and fascism all over Europe. The rates of racist attacks and murders in the UK are soaring. As is usual when an economic depression comes along black people are made scapegoats, turning the oppressed and working class in on itself. The fact that the West, and Britain in particular, is responsible for many of the problems in the developing world is deliberately overlooked. Policies that have robbed and continue to rob black countries of their wealth, that arm both sides in a war for profit, and policies that have divided up black countries, for example many African states, will inevitably lead to refugees.

The Bill is being pushed through Parliament at an incredible speed and will become law early next year. If we do not challenge it, we will be offering a great victory to European racism, and a further spur to fascist growth.

In July 1992, the Ad-Hoc Group on Immigration agreed on a 'draft resolution on manifestly unfounded applications for asylum'. They include:

* those facing human rights violations should attempt to stay in their own country and seek protection from their own authorities!

* those forced to leave should seek protection in the first safe country they come to,

* refugee status should be granted at the last resort and should not be granted merely because levels of security, economic opportunity and individual liberty is lower than the European ones.

MONITORING

Introduction

The last few years in nearly every continental country neo-Nazism is once again haunting Europe, be it of the skin-head thug version, or the more dangerous "respectable" white collar thugs commanding mass movements. With the deepening economic crisis the traditional parties are rapidly losing support and accommodating more and more to neo-Nazi demands. The voters, losing confidence that the present governments are able to provide any answer to the recession, are turning towards fascist parties. The lack of any credible alternative from the left has aided and abetted the growth of fascism.

Fascism historically uses what it calls the "pincer-tactic". Often working in tandem, but apparently separate, the terrorist thug and parliamentary "respectable" wing of fascism are part of the same thing, drawing forces to fascism from different backgrounds. Fascist Le Pen says he is an anti-racist Thatcherite, sueing those calling him a fascist. Le Pen "respectable" types today serve as a conscious bridge for masses of people to move towards fascism - and it seems to be working at present. Le Pen, Schonhuber, etc, are all using phrasology remarkably similar to what Hitler used before he took power. Genocide was a term Hitler never used, even whilst carrying it out.

The meteoric rise in racial harassment, attacks and murders, and attacks on refugees and migrants throughout Europe is being encouraged and/or facilitated by every government without exception.

Moves to a "fortress Europe", to brutal asylum laws, etc, are being put forward as the answer to the migrant "problem". In reality, these actions have fuelled racist and fascist growth. Migrants are being blamed for the attacks on themselves, and often are the ones arrested when they defend themselves. It is anti-fascists who are being attacked by police forces who spend considerable resources in defending the "rights" of fascists to free speech etc.

The following summary of events in various European countries shows the real danger facing Blacks, Jews, Immigrants, Lesbians and Gays, gypsies, left groups and the working class in general.

Eastern Europe

The crumbling of the old Soviet bloc (Stalinist) regimes led many to hope that a Western style "market economy" would bring them jobs and prosperity. Today, instead, much of eastern Europe is caught in a spiralling economic crisis - excellent conditions for racists and fascists to exploit. All over the former Soviet empire, nationalism is rising - often expressing itself as hatred towards, Jews, Gypsies, or simply people originating from a neighbouring country.

Following the recent elections in **Rumania** over a third of parliamentary seats there are now held by parties that are openly racist, antisemitic and anti-gypsy. The vice-president of the largest political party in **Hungary** has published an 8-page report blaming Jews for the country's economic problems, and calling in classic Nazi terms for Hungarians to rid themselves of "genetically impure families". The prime-minister has refused to take any action against him, even though the latter has called for the violent overthrow of his government.

Czechoslovakia is about to be divided in two as a result of heightened nationalism. An independent **Slovakia** has only ever existed in modern times as a Nazi puppet state. Its present leader, Meciar, has already formed an alliance with the extreme right Slovak National Party. Meanwhile the racist Republican Party captured over 6% of the vote in the **Czech** areas.

In **Yeltsin's Russia** the rise in anti-semitism has caused thousands of Jews to flee the country. In the 1991 presidential elections Vladimir Zhirinovsky's so-called Liberal Democrat Party swept to third place with seven million votes on a racist, "**Russia for the Russians**" platform. The black-shirted fascists of Pamyat have their own daily radio broadcasts and have been responsible for vicious racial

assaults and murders. In St. Petersburg, where an anti-semitic programme can be seen regularly on TV, ammunition belonging to an armed fascist unit was recently discovered, including a rocket launcher. Though he recently warned of a danger of fascist take-over in Russia Yeltsin has been doing deals with the extreme right in order to keep himself in power.

The volatile situation in much of the former Soviet bloc is such that fascists could take power very quickly in one of the emerging independent nations. That country could then serve as a base for fascism internationally. A domino effect could then follow with country after country going fascist.

Germany

Hoyerswerda, east Germany, was the scene of the first pogrom-like events of recent times to hit international headlines just over a year ago. This year we've had headlines about Rostock and Molln in east and west Germany following a similar, but increasingly worse, pattern of attacks on black people, Jews, lesbians & gays, disabled, refugees and immigrants. Sensation-based news reports, however, do not reflect that attacks happen every single day in different places with the ferocity and regularity increasing at a rate now beyond anywhere else in Europe.

The "respectable" fascists, the Republican Party, are growing. Baden-Wurttemberg lander recently voted 11% for them. In 1994 they are set to hold the balance of power in national elections. But for historical reasons so many young neo-nazis do not feel the need for this wing of fascism and 75 different openly fascist organisations exist in Germany today. Fortunately they are all squabbling over who is to be the new Führer. But this still doesn't stop a definite level of nationally co-ordinated attacks, fire-bombings of refugee hostels, murders etc; as they work through a process of uniting.

De Winter of the Vlaams Blok of Belgium is one amongst many fascists trying to get the warring fascist groups in Germany to unite and then move towards taking power in Germany. This is a real danger taking into account the deepening economic crisis, the collapse of Stalinism (which has discredited the popular conception of workers unity and socialism), the lack of an alliance of workers, youth and the oppressed against fascism, and the general political crisis of direction gripping German politics (and much of Europe) today. Strong leadership to meet the crisis is needed, so many say, and correctly. But only the far right is providing any semblance of it.

As such we find Chancellor Kohl tail-coating the fascists and facilitating their growth by referring to refugees and immigrants as the "problem" and not racist ignorance; by imposing tighter laws on asylum for refugees fleeing the hell of war and famine; and even by funding of £ millions towards "youth centres" that help the Nazi youth organise.

Germany's militarised police are now famous for attacking anti-Nazi demonstrations, the most recent ones against the murder of Turkish women in Molln, or the anti-nazis exposing the hypocrisy of Kohl's pretences at being anti-racist. We find these same police watching on (Rostock for example) as the Nazis run riot, burning refugee hostels. Yet the government saves its ferocity for the anti-nazis. German authorities arrested French Jews who came to demonstrate against the fascists after Rostock.

The anti-racist anti-fascist movement in Germany is both confused and divided. There is no real big fight for an alliance of workers groups, unions, autonomous youth, immigrants, etc. Most actions are taken independently of each other. The Turkish community have been physically defending themselves against the Nazis, but support from the workers' movement for this is very limited. The official trade union leadership takes virtually no concrete action and often panders to racism. Yet Germany has the largest anti-fascist movement in the world. Serious thought needs to go into learning the lessons of the past and in building a workers united front against fascism that unites with those oppressed by racists and fascists.

EUROPE

Ex-Yugoslavia

The horrific "ethnic cleansing" carried out by Serbian nationalists particularly against the Bosnian Muslims, has brought back vivid memories of the Nazi treatment of the Jews. Yet the attempts by the western media to portray the Serbs as the only "devils" of the region, and the call by some western leaders to arm Croatia should fill anti-fascists with alarm. Croatia was seen as a Nazi puppet state during the war, and its Ustashe collaborators startled even the Nazis with the viciousness of the atrocities they committed.

Today's leaders in Croatia look back to that period with pride and nostalgia. Neo-nazis from all over the world, including Britain, have gone to fight as volunteer soldiers in Croatia, where there is evidence that the German government is facilitating the sale of arms to Croatian forces.

Recent British TV coverage has shown British forces of the UN (under the auspices of protecting 'aid' convoys), entering Croatian-held parts of Bosnia, welcomed by sieg-heiling militia-men.

Belgium

Today the fascists Vlaams Blok (VB) is the number one political party in Antwerp, following the 1991 general elections in which it captured nearly *one in four of the city's vote*. They have seventeen members of parliament and won approximately 11% in the Flanders region as a whole.

The roots of the Vlaams Blok are in the VMO, banned as a terrorist organisation in the 1980's. But today the party is careful to present a *respectable* suit and tie image. With their slogan "Our own people first", they preach vicious racial hatred against North Africans, Turks and Jews. And despite their ultra nationalist rhetoric (they have called for a separate Greater Flemish State), they entertain very good links with pro-French fascist groups.

The VB has recently published a 70-point programme which corresponds well to the early racial laws introduced by Hitler in the 1930's. These are aimed particularly at North Africans and include for example a ban on state housing for "non-European" foreigners, the restriction of civil service jobs to "Belgians" only etc.. Though the level of racist attacks in Flanders does not yet compare with countries like Germany, police harassment of immigrants is intense, with young North Africans being forced to submit to degrading controls several times a day. One in three police in Antwerp is a votes VB, and VB posters have been openly displayed on the walls of police stations.

The VB have excellent relations with Europe's respectable fascist leaders and sit in the Group of The European Right along with the parties of Le Pen and Schonhuber. Co-operation between these parties is tight.

In the southern French speaking region fascist electoral success has been on a much lower scale but it too is growing. And in the Brussels area violent attacks have taken place, organised by nazi groups such as L'Assaut. The mayor of Schaerbeek, (Brussels' suburb) is Nols, a notorious racist who has imposed bans on gatherings of over five people during the Muslim festival of Ramadan, refused to allow Islamic religious education in local schools, and hosted a visit by Le Pen to Brussels which was violently attacked by anti-fascists.

A huge passive protest organised by the main stream political parties in Belgium in March this year has done little to halt the growth of the VB. Meanwhile the real threat of a fascist take-over of the mayor's seat and of the city council in Antwerp hangs over the next municipal elections. Black people, Arabs and Jews in Flanders are truly living on the edge of a precipice.

Italy

In recent years, racist attacks in Italy have increased dramatically. Filipinos, Senegalese, North Africans, and Jews among others have been targets of vicious attacks. Last month a group of 50 Jews stormed the HQ of the neo-nazi Movimento Politico after fascists had plastered Jewish-owned shops with racist graffiti.

Italy's fastest growing political party is the openly racist Northern League (formerly the Lombardy League), whose leaders have attended international fascist gatherings. The League's rise comes at a time when support for Italy's traditional political parties is crumbling. Thus in April's general elections the 46-year domination of politics by the Christian Democrats collapsed when the Northern League captured 9% of the national vote, despite being a regionalist party which calls for secession of the North of Italy! The League became the *number two party in northern Italy* and gained 23.5% in its stronghold of Lombardy. It now has fifty-five seats in Italy's Parliament.

In the weeks of chaos that followed, the mainstream parties were unable to form a majority. President Cossiga invited the League to help him form a government, promising them real political power and a measure of devolution. Fortunately Cossiga resigned before he could put this into effect.

Frighteningly, a recent poll found that support for the Northern League, nationally, has almost doubled since the general election.

The fascist MSI, founded by Mussolini's officer Almirante, has been allowed to form part of the Italian political landscape since the war despite its links with a long series of terrorist outrages of which the Bologna railway bombing, in which over eighty people were murdered and more than two hundred injured, is the best known.

Unlike the newer Euro-fascist parties, the MSI has stagnated at approximately 5% of the vote, possibly because of its open identification with fascism. (Mussolini's grand-daughter is a leading spokesperson.) Even so they have 34 MPs, 4 MEPs and recently were able to mobilise tens of thousands on the anniversary of Mussolini's infamous March on Rome.

Austria

Austria, Hitler's birthplace, has also seen a meteoric rise of the "respectable" fascist right in recent years.

In the first round of the presidential elections in April the fascist "Freedom Party" (FPO) won 16.4% of the vote, holding the balance of power. They have since used this strong showing to make overtures to the winning conservative candidate, urging an alliance of his People's Party with the FPO.

FPO leader, Jorg Haider, was dubbed the "nazi heir" because of the fortune he inherited from land expropriated from Jews during the Second World War. He has attended re-unions of ex-SS veterans and openly preached racial hatred.

In November 1991 the FPO became the *second party* in Austria's capital, Vienna. The previous year an FPO candidate became deputy president of the Nationalrat (Austrian Parliament).

Since his political rise Haider has been careful not to appear too openly fascist. Nevertheless, he was removed from his post as Governor of Carinthia after making pro-Hitler statements. As an FPO stronghold, the Carinthian provincial government has already put into effect racist policies against Yugoslav migrants.

The FPO is currently gathering mass support for a petition demanding an end to immigration and calling for *segregation of school children who don't speak German*.

Openly nazi parties, not pursuing the "respectable" tactic of the FPO, also exist in Austria. Several months ago, Gottfried Kussel, their spiritual fuhrer, was arrested following the discovery of a large arms cache.

France

In 1983 Le Pen's **fascist** Front National(FN) first exploded onto the political scene. They won 55% in a by-election in coalition with the conservative and "centre-right" parties. A year later they were polling approx. 10% of the national vote, and by 1988 were able to win 14.4%, or roughly, 4.5 million votes.

Le Pen campaigns on a programme of open hatred against immigrants, Jews, lesbians, gays and anyone else he considers "aliens". The most prominent targets of his racist venom is the north African community whom he blames for unemployment, drugs, etc.

The FN was founded by ex-SS veterans, terrorists of the OAS (who tried to overturn Algerian independence), and old Vichy collaborators.

Yet Le Pen denies being a fascist and has successfully acquired "respectability" in French politics. With 10 MEPs, they are the largest party in the fascist Group of the European Right, and have over a thousand local councillors. In March's regional elections they became *the number two party in the Paris region*.

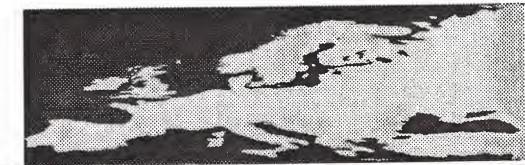
This ominous rise comes at a time when the traditional parties are rapidly losing popularity. Leading conservatives have publicly called for an alliance with the FN and on a local level such alliances have been formed. This climate has caused the entire political establishment to shift to the right. Mitterrand's former PM called for the expulsion of illegal immigrants on "charter planes", whilst Chirac has referred to the "smell" of immigrants, and Giscard calls the north

African community an "invasion".

Racist attacks have become an accepted part of everyday life, and the leniency of the state has greatly encouraged the racist murderers. In a recent case the courts accepted that a baker who shot a young Arab she thought was stealing a loaf of bread had acted in legitimate self-defence.

There have been many spontaneous uprisings of North African youth against police murders and harassment, and in general against the racism which keeps the community in poverty. These have taken place in working-class suburbs such as Vaulx-en-Velin, Mantes-la-Jolie, etc. But as yet there has been no organised physical response from the Black communities to the huge threat posed by Le Pen.

The movement in general has done little better. There have been huge symbolic demos against racism, but until March this year no serious attempts to physically stop Le Pen's mass rallies and meetings. Attempts to expose Le Pen as an outright fascist have resulted in bankruptcy of anti-fascist organisations as Le Pen successfully sues. Meanwhile, the rampant success of the FN has inspired the growth of mass fascist parties throughout Europe - a process actively encouraged and organised by Le Pen himself.



Campaign Against Fascism in Europe

SOUTHALL MONITORING GROUP

CAFE first came into the headlines just one year ago when (as CAFF) we co-ordinated the Stop Le Pen 'Week of Action' against French and Euro-fascist leader Le Pen, which culminated in almost 2,000 angry anti-fascists hounding Le Pen out of London. We produced a lengthy, detailed dossier proving conclusively the fascist nature of Le Pen and the Front National.

Since then we have initiated and co-ordinated most of the biggest no-platform demonstrations against fascists in Britain in 1992. Particularly those against David Irving on 4th July and 19th September. After CAFE's public threat to mobilise against Alessandra Mussolini's visit to the Tory Party conference, it was cancelled. We also co-ordinated the 500 strong demonstration which almost stopped the NF march to the Cenotaph.

We produce a regular bulletin, 'Nazis Out', informing the movement in Britain of what's going on in various European countries.

We build links and co-operate with increasing numbers of European anti-racist anti-fascist groups - with the aim of contributing to the building of a Euro-wide movement, so material assistance and action can be co-ordinated and centralised against racism and fascism, for those in greatest need at the sharp end of the struggle.

CAFE aims to stop Euro-fascist leaders' activities in Britain and businesses that fund nazis, by direct mass action.

In Britain we are involved in the new London based 'Ad-Hoc Committee to Stop the Fascists', which has a perspective close to our own, striving for increased co-operation out of a very divided movement.

CAFE argues for a Euro-wide anti-racist anti-fascist movement, one based on local community and workers committees, supporting the organised self-defence of those under attack, organising mass physical no-platforming of fascists, not relying on the state to help, and for forging an alliance of labour/trade union bodies with those specifically under attack, as the only forces capable of defeating fascism.

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The SMG is a community organisation based in the heart of a black community in West London. Southall has its own distinct and proud history of self organisation and struggle against racism - wherever it may arise, at the workplace, in schools or on housing estates and on the streets.

SMG was established soon after the historic community mobilisation against the National Front on April 23rd 1979. On that day, police actions led to over 700 arrested, 342 charged, hundreds of injuries and the murder of anti-fascist school teacher, Blair Peach. The campaign to bring Blair's murderer to book lasted over nine years.

Since the early 1980's SMG has actively worked against racism, sexism, police harassment and immigration controls. Our activities include:

- * providing legal, moral and physical support for victims of state or racial violence and detention,
- * supporting and initiating community based campaigns against injustice,
- * providing a 24 hours Emergency Service for people suffering from racial harassment, police operations, immigration detention and domestic violence,
- * providing a resource and information centre monitoring police activity and misconduct.

On 31st January 1990 SMG along with the Sekhon Family Support Group organised a historic half day community strike to protest at the racist murder of Kuldip Sekhon. On that day, designated a Day of Rememberance for all victims of racist and fascist assaults and murders. Southall, as a town, came to standstill - all the shops including banks & building societies, council offices and libraries closed down; school students walked out of their schools; and over 14 mini-cab companies went on a 24 Hour strike.

Our struggles continue!

SMG: 6A South Road, Southall, Middx UB1 1RT. Tel 081 843 2333

IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST RACISM

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IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST RACISM

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This evening of Poetry & Music is Southall Monitoring Group's 5th annual event bringing together culture & resistance

ARTISTS IN SOLIDARITY

Artists in Solidarity are a non - aligned, non - sectarian network of Scottish based artists who have demonstrated their support of people engaged in some of the diverse struggles going on throughout the country. More than 50 writers, musicians, visual artists and actors have been involved. Operating through personal contact, artists initiate solidarity events on their behalf. Their politics are demonstrated overtly, by the events they organise and the individuals and groups with whom they show solidarity.

Artists in Solidarity are not opposed to party - members being involved but control remains with the artist at all costs; they won't allow themselves to play a functional role for any party or political grouping.

The first event was held in March 1993 for the Albion workers. This was followed by four nights at various venues in Glasgow and Dundee in support of the Timex workers. In October 1993 a joint benefit night was held in support of the Stephen Lawrence campaign and the Southall Monitoring Group. As a follow up from this, writers, musicians and friends have organised this event with the Southall Monitoring Group and Tabularasa in Southall as a demonstration of their solidarity with those on the frontline of racist violence. This will be the first time Artists in Solidarity have performed outside of Scotland; some London based poets will perform with Artists in Solidarity as guests for the evening.

The evening will host the launch of Jim Kelman's new book "*How late it was, how late*". The book launch will be at 6.30pm followed by a full programme from 7.30pm till late.

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worked against racism, sexism, police harassment and immigration controls. The organisation provides many essential services some of which include:

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- *supporting and initiating community based campaigns against injustice,
- *providing a 24 hours Emergency Service for people suffering from racial harrassment, police operations, immigration detention and domestic violence,
- *providing a resource and information centre, monitoring police activity and misconduct.

More recently the organisation has been working very closely with both the Stephen Lawrence Campaign and the United Families Campaign.

TABULARASA

Tabularasa is a cultural organisation with a primary aim to campaign for social justice by initiating both large and small scale cultural projects and events, in particular to promote, develop and support grassroots cultural expression, which has historically been marginalised, under-represented and under-resourced.

Tabularasa's most recent work has been with the Somali community in West London. Working with the community it has put together a programme of events and debates. The Festival of Somalia organised with the Somali community has created an opportunity for the Somali community in London to challenge prevailing prejudices by presenting the truth about their land thereby enabling them to reclaim their pride and dignity. The festival started in November 93 and ends in May 94.



tabularasa

For further information about the ARTISTS IN SOLIDARTY event or any of the organisations above please write to:

SOUTHALL MONITORING GROUP
6a SOUTH ROAD, SOUTHALL,
MIDDLESEX. UB1 1RT
or ring 081 843 2333

18 March 1994

NOTES FOR MARCH STEWARDS

The TUC Anti Racism Demonstration will be massive. We need to ensure that people know where they are, where they are going and what to do!

This pack contains NUCPS Stewards notes; TUC Stewards Notes; and route maps.

NUCPS STEWARDS NOTES	
1	<p>The Chief Steward of the TUC demo is Mick Connolly. The Chief Steward for NUCPS is Alan Maloney.</p> <p>NUCPS will have available three mobile phones to enable effective liaison between NUCPS teams and TUC marshals. These will be with the teams near the front and rear of the march and with the NUCPS contingent. Should the need arise, the telephone numbers are:</p> <p>Alan Maloney: 0850 962830 Azim Hajee: 0850 968641 Steve Davies: 0850 447220</p>
2	<p>There are six teams of NUCPS stewards. (see list) Teams 1 and 2 will accompany the NUCPS contingent.</p> <p>Team 1 with Herman Cobham (with NUCPS Banner) Team 2 with Brian Crocker (responsible for materials) Both teams 1 and 2 will be with the NUCPS contingent)</p> <p>Team 3 with Azim Hajee Has more Black members (available for community groups section or near front of march, as required by TUC)</p> <p>Team 4 with Mike King Team 5 with Keith Wylie (available to TUC as required, including coach duties)</p> <p>Team 6 with Steve Davies (available to TUC as required, possibly nearer rear of march)</p>
3	Please make sure that you wear the TUC armband at all times. Keep an eye out for each other in the team.

	STEWARDS WITH THE NUCPS CONTINGENT	
4.	<p>Main task is to be visible throughout the contingent, and make yourself available to members on any problems.</p> <p>Make sure there are enough people to take a turn at carrying the banners</p> <p>Generally encourage a good atmosphere. We want the march, particularly the NUCPS contingent to be a lively and visible event.</p> <p>2 to carry megaphones and make plenty of noise!</p> <p>Distribution of placards at the beginning and end of march. At some point near London Fields, team 1 will collect all placards, and take them to the van.</p>	
FOR ALL STEWARDS		
	<p>The expected massive numbers on this march, and effective stewarding should ensure a large, disciplined and peaceful protest. But remind people to be careful.</p> <p>Remind people that at least 2 pubs on the route are known drinking haunts of the BNP. Strongly recommend that people do not go off in small groups for a drink at any stage in the day. The BNP will definitely be hanging around the fringes of the march hoping to catch small numbers of protesters.</p> <p>Remember this is a march called against racial attacks. Black members could be particular targets for any gangs of fascists so bear in mind security at all times.</p> <p>Remind people to disperse in groups at the end of the march.</p>	
5.	Hand out the advice leaflets at the start of the march. Reassure people that there is no expectation of trouble. These have been produced by Liberty, the civil rights group, and gives basic advice on rights of arrest, etc.	
6.	Solicitors on stand-by will be Birnberg & Co; 071 911 0166	

7.	<p>Coaches going to the assembly point will set down in Commercial Street at the junction with Lamb Street. From there the drivers will be directed to Queensbridge Road, Hackney E8, where the police have agreed to coach parking (both sides of the road). Queensbridge Road is about 2 – 3 minutes walk from London Fields, where the rally will take place, and members should be advised to re-join their coaches there when the rally has ended.</p>	
AFTER THE RALLY		
8.	<p>All NUCPS stewards should go to the Queensbridge Road area, where coaches will be leaving.</p> <p>A coach has been booked to take NUCPS stewards from the rally back to Southwark Street. It will be available to meet stewards from 4.30 pm onwards at the junction of Queensbridge Road and Middleton Road.</p> <p>It will wait as long as necessary for stewards to complete their work of ensuring our members are safely off, and will leave not leave without instructions from the Chief steward. If you are planning on making your own way back, make sure your team knows.</p> <p>The coach is hired from Empress Coaches</p>	
FINALLY		
11	<p>If there are any interesting reports you have of the demonstration, or anecdotes/witness accounts of incidents during the march, please send these to HQ4 for coverage in the Union or group Journals.</p>	

ENJOY THE MARCH!

UNITE AGAINST RACISM

STEWARDS NOTES

- 1 London Fields - Hackney trade unionists have agreed to take responsibility for getting together around 80/100 stewards who will work under the direction of Ivan Beavis (UNISON).

They will:

provide security in the park, particularly in the stage area while the march is in progress, supplemented by a group of stewards who will join them from the briefing at Congress House;

produce maps of the park and the surrounding area indicating park gates, public transport facilities, directions to stations and directions to the coach parking area (Queensbridge Road); and

take major responsibility for stewarding and security back and front stage along with members of TUC staff.

On arrival at London Fields all stewards will be asked to report to the stage area for further instructions.

Stage passes will identify speakers, press and others allowed in the stage area.

- 2 Assembly - There will be a number of duties relating to the assembly of the march:

Stations: A group of stewards will be required at each of the stations within walking distance of Spitalfields - Liverpool Street, Aldgate East and Aldgate. Their task will be to direct people to the assembly point at Spitalfields. When finished they should go to the Assembly Point for further instructions.

In addition we will require a group of stewards to be at Euston and Kings Cross stations to direct people arriving on special trains etc. to tube lines that will get them to Spitalfields. Kings Cross: Circle or Metropolitan lines direct to Liverpool Street. Euston: direct people to Euston Square for Circle or Metropolitan lines to Liverpool Street. When finished they should either join the march or go direct to London Fields for further instructions.

Speakers Platform: There will be a speakers platform at the assembly. A group of stewards will be given responsibility for keeping this area secure.

Coaches: A group of stewards will be allocated the task of meeting coaches as they set down and making certain that drivers are directed to Queensbridge Road where they will be parked during the march and rally.

Line-up: The remaining stewards will take responsibility for ensuring that marchers are lined up in an orderly and disciplined fashion and according to the agreed order:

- (a) Lead group behind front banner (General Council, VIPs, representatives of groups and organisations involved in planning of march, TUC Race Relations Committee, Regional TUC Race Relations Committees and trade union Race Committees).
- (b) Tower Hamlets community groups.
- (c) Trade union group from the North, Scotland, Wales etc.
- (d) Anti-Racist Alliance (ARA).
- (e) Trade Unions (including Indian Workers Association).
- (f) Anti Nazi League (ANL).
- (g) Other groups and political parties.

- 3 The March - Stewards will be asked to work in groups with a Marshall, a TUC Marshall (who will have a mobile phone) and a legal observer. These teams of stewards will be allocated to each section of the march, and should remain with that section until it reaches London Fields. **They should then report to the stage area for further instructions.**

The stewards role is to maintain good order and discipline within the march and amongst our supporters. If the police notice any potential problems they will in the first instance ask for the stewards to deal with this. However, if the police see an offence being committed they will move to stop it and if necessary deal with the offender(s).

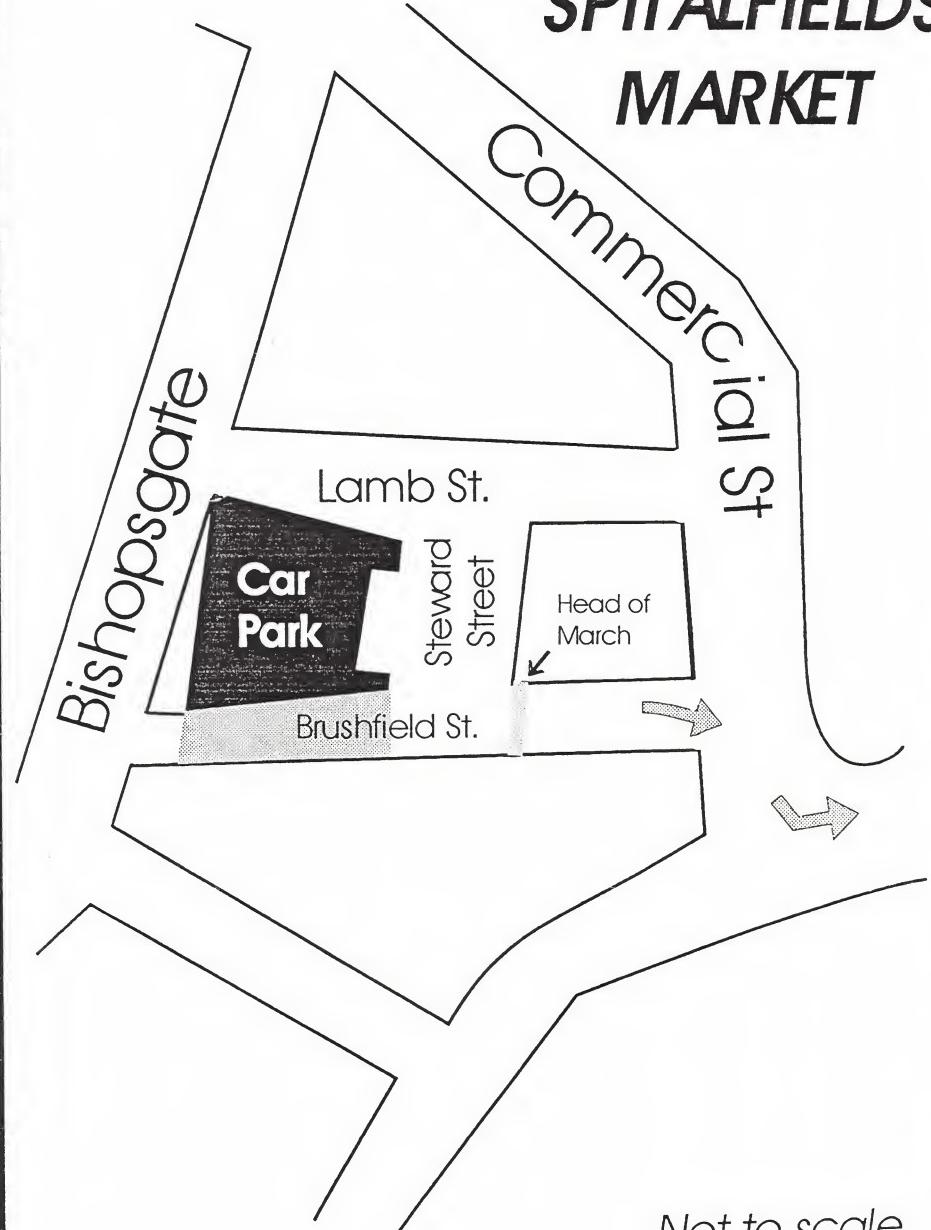
Where trade unions or any other groups are providing stewards for their own section of the march we will insist that they:

- * use the TUC armband, so that they are easily identifiable;
- * observe the disciplines of the march; and
- * take instructions from the appropriate Marshals.

Attachments:

- Map of Assembly Area
- Route of march
- Map of London Fields
- Legal Advice Notes
- List of Marshals.

SPITALFIELDS MARKET



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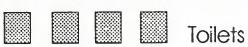
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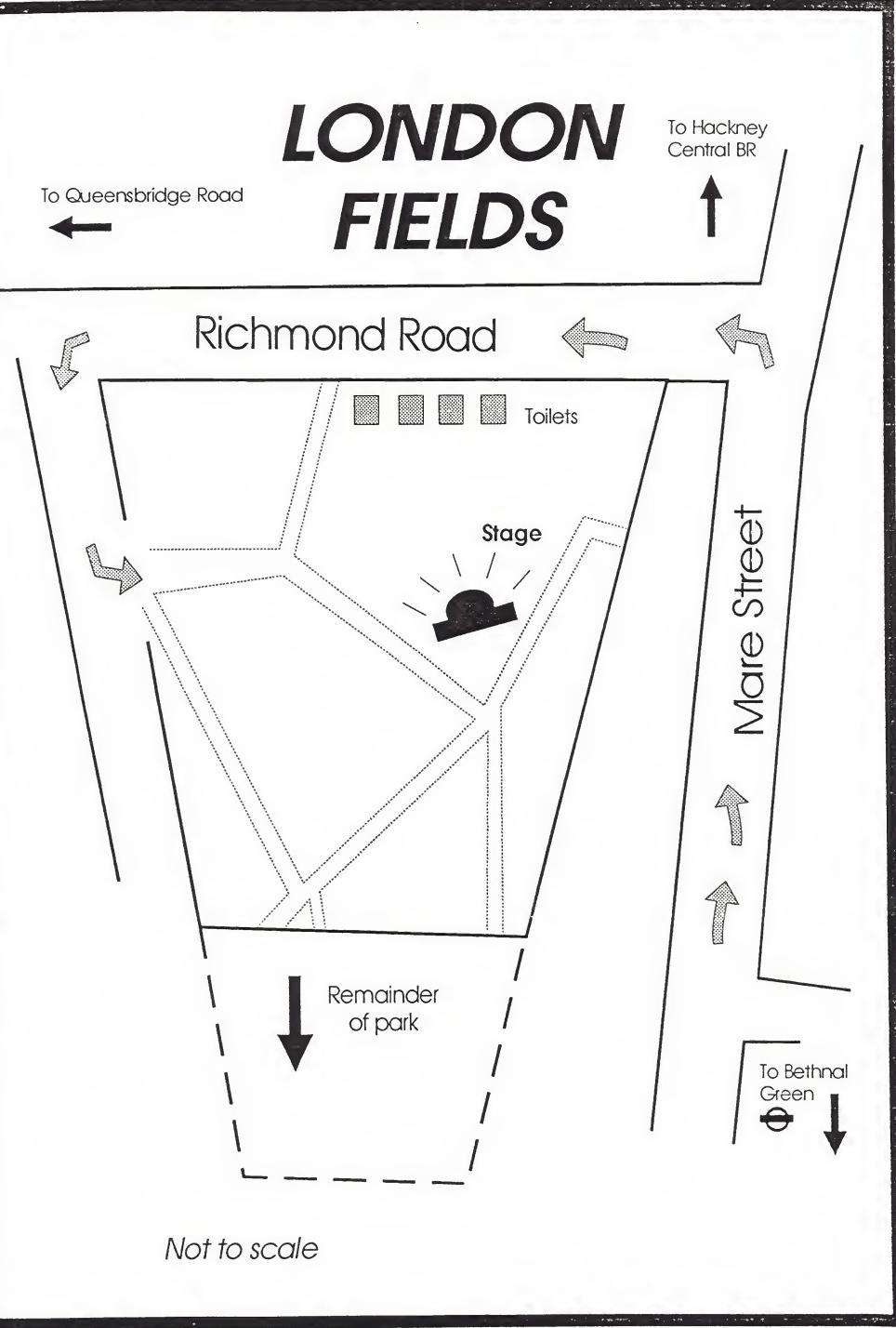
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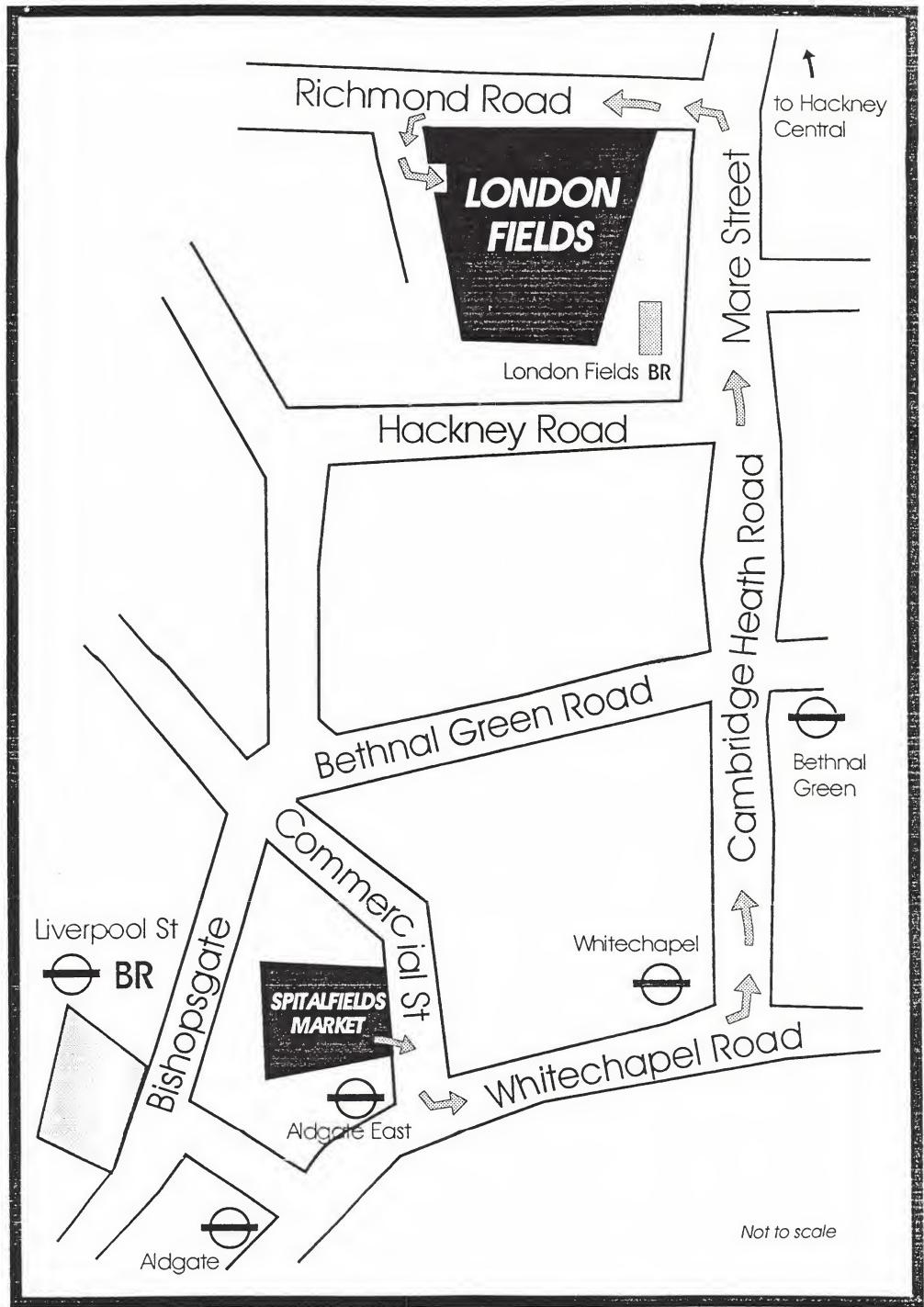


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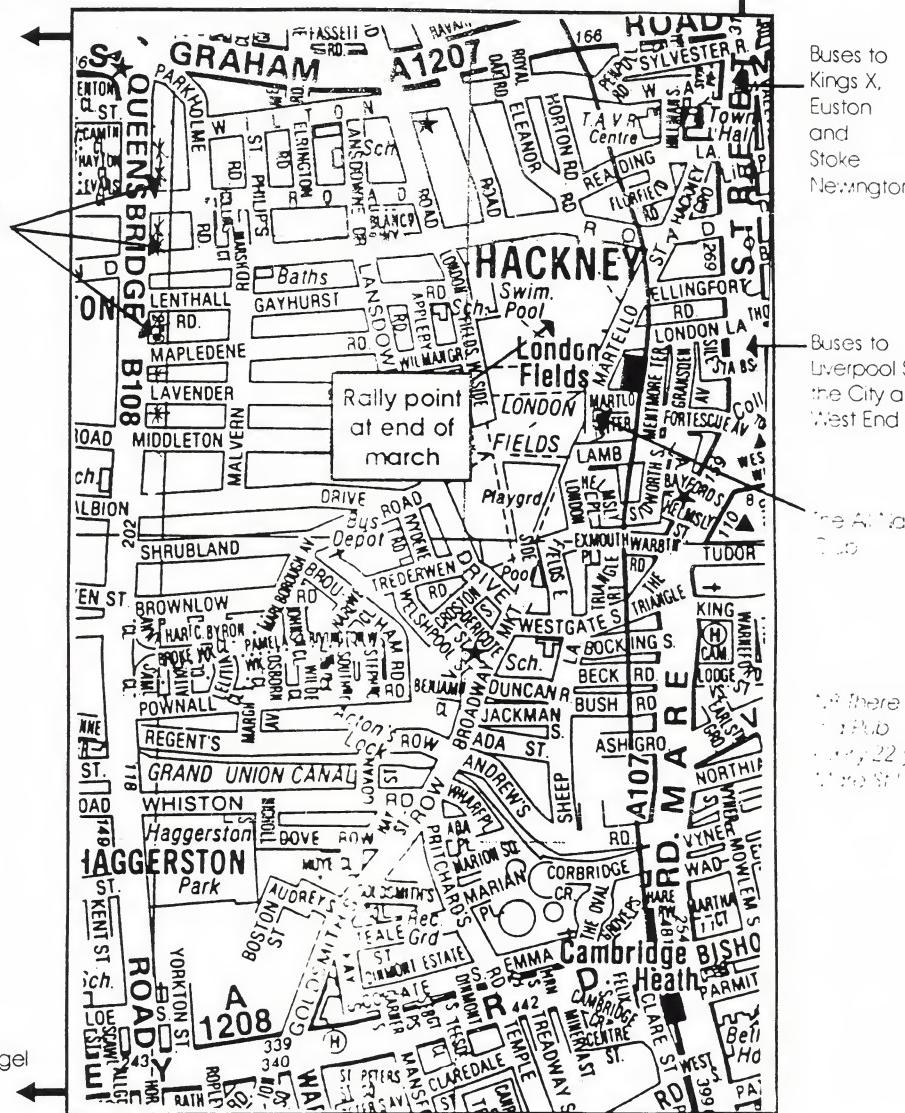




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MARCH 19, 1994

To Islington:
Dalston Junction BR
to Camden Town



From Euston BR and
Cambridge Heath BR for
Liverpool St and East Anglia

To Victoria Station,
London Bridge,
Bank of England
London

MARSHALS & SENIOR STEWARDS

Spitalfields stage area

Ron Edwards (TUC)

Head of March

Unmesh Desai (Tower Hamlets)

Bert Clough (TUC)

Lee Jasper (National Black Caucus)

Jo Morris (TUC)

Peter Pledger (UNISON)

Steve Pryle (GMB)

Trade Union - First Section

Martin Gould (MSF)

Owen Tudor (TUC)

Dave Feickert (TUC)

Anti-Racist Alliance

Carl Boothe (ARA)

Tom Mellish (TUC)

Trade Union - Second Section

Peter Spalding (Croydon Trades Council)

Carol Sherriff (TUC)

Terry Stevens (GMB)

Stephen Brooks (TUC)

Ali Newman (GMB)

Anti Nazi League

Rahul Patel (ANL)

Claire Dissington (ANL)

Colin Coughlin (TGWU)

Kevin Hussey (TGWU)

Peter Mitchell (TUC)

Richard Exell (TUC)

Other Groups & Political Parties

Ralph Don (TUC)

Katherine Wilson (TUC)

Liane Groves (TUC)

Joanne Segars (TUC)

Michael Walsh (TUC)

Ray Anjolaiya (TUC)

TUC MARCH AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM MARCH 19TH

GET YOUR FREE COACH SEAT:

The union will ensure that every member who wishes to attend the demonstration is able to do so. As we are now fast approaching the date and in order to save time, any member who wishes to attend and travel on free union-arranged transport should either telephone their regional centre or fill in the form below and send it to the regional centre listed below. Details of the transport arrangements will then be passed direct to members from the regional centre.

CONTACT: Herman Cobham 71/73
Southwark Street London SE1 0TU (071 928 9671 x 4029)

Assemble: 11.00 am Spitalfields Market (off Commercial Street), London E1

March: 12.00 noon

Rally: 2.00 pm London Fields (off Mare Street), London E8.

COACHES: Set down in Commercial Street at the junction at Lamb Street. Coaches will park in Queens bridge Road, which is 2 minutes from the final rally.



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TO: SOUTH EAST REGIONAL ORGANISER

I would like to attend the demonstration. Please reserve me a seat on the coach from my area

Name _____

Branch _____

Work Tel No _____

NUCPS UNITED AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM

FACT

Muktar Ahmed is the latest victim of race violence. A gang of 20 to 30 white men picked on him he walked home along Bethnal Green Road. After chasing him amid shouts of 'get the paki', they got him on the floor, surrounded him – and beat him taking deliberate care to land their kicks and knife blows only to his head.

FACT

Just 5 hours before Muktar's attack, Chadik Miah, 14, was ambushed by about 10 men outside his home near Stepney and coshed about the head.

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In the week before Muktar's attack, a 16 year old boy was beaten on his way home from the mosque. Another 17 year old boy, was cornered by 10 - 15 white men at South Quay railway station by Canary Wharf, who broke the bones in his fingers and hands. An Asian man was dragged out of his car, and savagely beaten near Limehouse Link tunnel, after his car window and windscreen were smashed by a gang.

FACT

In the next three days, a 14 year old boy was attacked; a 13 year old boy was slashed with a stanley knife; Asian students having lunch in a park near Tower Hamlets College were attacked by a gang of men who got out of a van armed with staves, garden implements, and dogs, and went on the rampage; and Imran Khan, 14, was attacked by 4 men and stabbed in the cheek.

East London faces a desperate housing situation. Unemployment is rife. Schools and hospitals are under attack. The BNP have exploited this and made East Londoners of Bangladeshi origin the scapegoats. Before them, the fascists used the Jews. And before that the Irish. The BNP have never been involved in the struggle to save our hospitals and schools. They have only brought racist terror and fear.

According to the police, the number of reported racist attacks in East London have trebled since the election of Derek Beckon. Even before his election, this area had the highest incidence of racial attacks in Britain.

There has been a massive escalation of racial attacks all over Britain. According to official estimates, there were 130,000 racist attacks last year of which only 7,793 were reported to the police. The rise of the extreme right has had a similar impact across Europe. Last year 75 people died as a result of racially motivated attacks.

Our members who work in the Isle of Dogs, describe what has been happening to the area, "There is a climate of fear. It's the graffiti, the stickers, the many leaflets. It's the heavy presence of Beckon and his minders. It's the large congregation of skinheads around the Evening Standard sellers near the station. It's stories about our members being spat at or abused on their way into work."

According to the New Statesmen, 'the neo-nazis have been out on the knocker in groups of 30 or 40 most weekends for several months'.

Our members and their families, and those who work and live in their area, have a right to expect solidarity from their colleagues. Let us make sure 19 March sends a massive message to the fascists.